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PHOTOSENSITIVE ELEMENT FOR USE AS FLEXOGRAPHIC
PRINTING PLATE

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A photosensitive element for use as a flexographic printing plate
comprises a support, an elastomeric photopolymerizable layer having a
surface opposite the support that defines a plane, and a matted layer
disposed above the surface of the photopolymerizable layer comprising a
polymeric binder and at least one matting agent which is capable of
10 forming depressions from the plane into the photopolymerizable layer.
Also described is a process for preparing such a photosensitive element
and a process for preparing a flexographic printing plate from the
photosensitive element.

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